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Weekly Views

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner

“Everyone visualizes whether he knows it or not. Visualizing is the great secret of success.” ~ Genevieve Behrend (1881-1960)

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Congratulations to Plainfield Correctional Facility employee Ralph “Pete” Taylor, who was recently recognized by Governor Daniels for his 35 years of service with the Department of Correction.

The Westville Correctional Facility compost site, operated jointly with the LaPorte Solid Waste District, has won the Bronze Excellence Award from the Solid Waste Association of North America.

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility students participated in the IJCF Olympics this week. Ribbons were given for first, second, and third place winners in events ranging from track and field, to volleyball and basketball.

Congratulations to the health care staff of the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility (PREF) who received a 100% on their most recent pharmacy audit. In addition to this achievement, the PREF Health Care staff held a Health Care Fair for residents of the facility who are interested in improving their overall health.

This week at Pendleton Juvenile Correction Facility, a “Mock Audit” was conducted by the Program Review Division. The facility received a score of 100% on the Mandatory folders and 99.5% for Non-Mandatory folders. A celebration “cook-out” is being held for staff and offenders to celebrate the accomplishment.

The Indianapolis Parole Office (PD#3) participated in a Parole Sweep on the near Westside of Indianapolis this week in collaboration with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The joint effort, which resulted in 3 new arrests for parole violations and new criminal charges, continues to promote public safety and combat violence in the community.

The General Christian offenders at the Indiana State Prison will have a family day in the chapel this weekend. A cookout will be served to approximately 190 family members and 190 General Christian offenders. A guest choir called The Bible Ways from Gary will be performing.

Camp Summit conducted a major disaster drill involving mutual aid agencies, which featured an electrical fire in the school building with multiple injuries to staff and students. Five local mutual aid agencies participated in the drill. Umpires critiqued the drill, which also was monitored by ERO and LaPorte County Emergency Management Agency.

Pendleton Correctional Facility recently conducted a “Reality Check” program for 8 at-risk youth from the Anderson area. This program provides an opportunity for participants to hear offenders relate the factors that resulted in their incarceration in hope of deterring young people from a life of crime.

Kairos arrived at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility this week. The three-day event helps offenders of all religious backgrounds renew their faith and achieve personal growth. 50 volunteers will interact with 42 offenders, talking about such topics as incarceration and faith.

Branchville Correctional Facility recently donated several pictures, drawn by offenders in the PLUS Program, to the Perry County Tri Kappa organization. The pictures depict local historic sites and will be on display at a local branch of the Fifth Third Bank, with matted prints available for purchase with a \$10 donation. Tri Kappa will use the proceeds for their various community projects.

The Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility’s newly hired Community Service Director, Karen Butterworth, was highlighted in the Hendricks County Flyer newspaper this week. Ms. Butterworth’s commitment to foster care and the successful development of special needs children was illustrated, as well as her commitment to public service.

On Sunday, the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) is planning for Dr. Wyatt Mullinax to bring a special workshop and worship service to the chapel.